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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 460**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wyman**

February 20, 2001

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An act relating to energy, ~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 460, as amended, Wyman. Energy: transmission: Path 15.

The existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would ~~appropriate \$10,000,000 to~~ *require* the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission *to allocate \$10,000,000 to the Transmission Authority of Northern California* for the purpose of funding the environmental studies of Path 15, ~~to be completed by the Transmission Authority of Northern California during 2001~~ *as defined, subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose in the annual Budget Act.*

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~ *no*. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

~~SECTION 1. The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission for the purpose of funding the environmental studies of Path 15, to be completed by the Transmission Authority of Northern California during 2001.~~

*SECTION 1. The State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission shall allocate, subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose in the annual Budget Act, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Transmission Authority of Northern California for the purpose of funding the environmental studies of Path 15. For purposes of this section, "Path 15" is a group of high-voltage power lines located between Tracy and Bakersfield that transmit electricity between northern and southern California.*

